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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PORTUGAL: ELECTION RESULTS HOLD SOMETHING FOR NEARLY
EVERYONE

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS THAT THE LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS HAVE
PROVIDED NEARLY ALL CONTENDERS WITH SOME CAUSE FOR SATIS-
FACTION. IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW, THE WINNERS INCLUDE:

--THE SOCIALISTS, WHO WEATHERED WHAT MANY SAW AS A
REFERENDUM ON THEIR MANAGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND
EMERGE WITH PRIME MINISTER SOARES' HAND STRENGTHENED;

--THE COMMUNISTS, WHO REGISTERED THEIR HIGHEST VOTE
YET, REINFORCING THEIR CALL FOR A POPULAR FRONT GOVERN-
MENT; AND

--THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, WHOSE ARGUMENT FOR AN INCREASED
POLICY-MAKING ROLE MAY BE BOLSTERED BY THEIR GAINS.

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THE EMBASSY SEES THE CONSERVATIVES AND THE FAR LEFT AS THE ONLY LOSERS:

--THE CENTER DEMOCRATS EXPECTED MORE AND MUST BE DISAPPOINTED.

--WITHOUT OTELO, THE ULTRA-LEFTIST GDUP FARED DISASTROUSLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 8552, 12/13.)

2. FRANCE CONCERNED BY CONCORDE DEVELOPMENTS

IN A DEMARCHE TO AMBASSADOR RUSH DECEMBER 10, FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT FRANCE, HAVING WITHHELD ACTION DURING THE US CAMPAIGN, IS NOW COMPELLED TO CONVEY ITS SERIOUS CONCERN OVER CONCORDE DEVELOPMENTS. DE GUIRINGAUD PREDICTED THAT REFUSAL OF LANDING RIGHTS IN NEW YORK COULD DESTROY THE WHOLE BRITISH-FRENCH PROGRAM AND WOULD INEVITABLY SPARK ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRANCE. IF THE LATTER OCCURRED, THE GOF WOULD BE UNABLE TO PLEAD THE US CASE BEFORE FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 36747, 12/13.)

3. IRAN: GULF SECURITY PACT AS PROTECTION AGAINST "BIG POWERS"

EMBASSY TEHRAN BELIEVES THAT A DECEMBER 12 KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL EDITORIAL CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF IRAN'S POLICY TOWARD ITS GULF REGION NEIGHBORS AND MUST HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INSPIRED. THE EDITORIAL:

--EXPRESSED THE NEED FOR PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION IN WORKING TOWARD REGIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS;

--INDICATED THAT THE OPTIONS FOR THE FORM OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR THE PRESENT; AND

--LINKED A REQUIREMENT FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE NEED FOR CLOSER ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

THE EDITORIAL ALSO STATED THAT AN ALLIANCE WOULD HELP PROTECT THE AREA AGAINST GREAT POWER (INCLUDING US) MILITARY INTERFERENCE.

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TECT THE AREA AGAINST GREAT POWER (INCLUDING US) MILITARY INTERFERENCE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: BY LUMPING THE US WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT WELCOME CLOSER TIES AMONG THE GULF STATES, IRAN IS PROBABLY TRYING TO FIND A STALKING HORSE TO COUNTER THE ARGUMENT THAT ANY SECURITY PACT WOULD BE ANTI-SOVIET. (CONFIDENTIAL) TEHRAN 12296, 12/13.)

4. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO EXPLOIT ROK LENIENCY

KANG MUN-KYU, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, HAS TOLD EMBASSY SEOUL THAT THE COUNCIL WILL GO ALL OUT IN THE COMING WEEKS TO WHIP UP POPULAR INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT CURRENT GOVERNMENT LENIENCY IS THE RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL SETBACKS AND CANNOT LAST LONG, THE COUNCIL IS DETERMINED TO USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOUNT MAJOR INITIATIVES.

KANG ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY STUDENT GROUPS WHICH INTEND TO TURN CAMPUS PRAYER MEETINGS INTO DEMONSTRATIONS ATTACKING GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION. ALTHOUGH KANG WAS ENCOURAGED BY THIS RENEWED INTEREST IN ACTIVISM, THE COUNCIL WILL NOT ENDORSE DEMONSTRATIONS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE COUNCIL'S DECISION, COUPLED WITH STUDENT UNREST, MAY RESULT IN A MORE SEVERE GOVERNMENT REACTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) SEOUL 9700, 12/11.)

5. JAPAN: FOREIGN MINISTRY TILTS TOWARD ASEAN

A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBASSY TOKYO THAT THE MINISTRY HAS DECIDED TO ABANDON "BALANCED DIPLOMACY" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO TRY TO CREATE A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH ASEAN. THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN INCLUDE:

--USE OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC TOOLS TO BOLSTER THE SECURITY OF ASEAN STATES;

--INAUGURATION OF AN ACTIVE JAPANESE-ASEAN FORUM;

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--RECASTING JAPAN'S ECONOMIC COOPERATION STRATEGY TO EMPHASIZE EXPORT-IMPORT MAINTENANCE INSTEAD OF GRANTS AND CREDITS; AND

--KEEPING THE US ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE AREA.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THOUGH THERE ARE SIGNS OF GROWING PUBLIC RECEPTIVITY TO A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHETHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CAN SELL EVEN A SHADOW OF ITS PLAN TO POLITICIANS AND OTHER MINISTRIES REMAINS TO BE SEEN. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 18274, 12/13.) KISSINGER

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